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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO PEREZ STATE VISIT

REF: (A) CARACAS 6959, (B) STATE 168472

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